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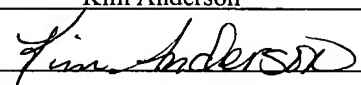
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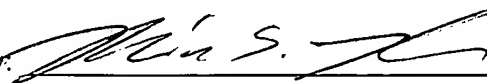
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1. Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") Under 37 CFR § 1.114 (2 pgs.);
2. Fee Transmittal Sheet (1 pg.);
3. Preliminary Amendment (5 pgs.);
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